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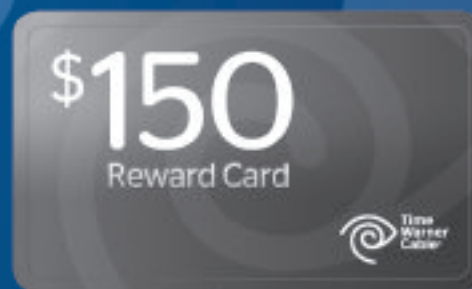
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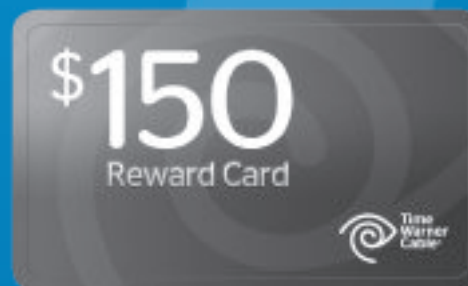
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In the news

No dead baby on L train

Widespread reports of a woman carrying a dead baby on an L train Monday evening were debunked yesterday by the FDNY. An official told Metro that, "There was an EDP (emotionally disturbed person), who had a doll of some type in his or her arms ... acting out as if it had been a dead baby." The person was removed from the subway and escorted to Bellevue Hospital. **METRO/EAE**

In the news



NYU protest

A group of NYU students is planning to rally outside the school's Chick-Fil-A restaurant tomorrow in protest of the chain's donations to what they call anti-gay organizations. NYU freshman Hillary Dworkoski launched a petition after it was reported that Chick-Fil-A donated almost \$2 million to organizations like Focus On The Family. Critics say the groups have an anti-gay agenda. **METRO/CG**

Two strikes against comptroller could crush political career

► Second member of City Comptroller John Liu's fundraising team arrested
► Experts say he's in trouble ► It's time to can dreams of becoming mayor

Some say the man charged with keeping New York City's finances in check is in over his head after the arrest of a second member of his campaign fundraising team yesterday.

The FBI arrested Jia "Jenny" Hou, 25, Comptroller John Liu's main fundraiser, yesterday morning on charges of fraud and obstructing a government investigation.

Hou is accused of participating in a scheme that used "straw donors" to funnel large, illegal contributions above the individual limit authorized by the New York City Campaign Finance Board, according to the FBI complaint obtained by Metro.

"He's in the danger zone," Doug Muzzio, a professor at Baruch College's School of Public Affairs, said of Liu. "If I were he, I would be lawyering up at some point in the not-too-distant future."

Hou is the second of Liu's fundraisers to be arrested. Another top fundraiser, Xing Wu Pan, was arrested in November.

The arrests come as part of an ongoing FBI probe into Liu's campaign finances.

While the FBI wouldn't comment as to whether the comptroller himself was the subject of their investigation, Muzzio said Liu is a target.

"The comptroller is obviously in trouble," said Muzzio. "The circle around him is getting smaller and smaller."

Muzzio says Liu, a onetime mayoral contender, ought to prepare for his likely upcoming legal troubles, rather than the 2013 race.

But Christina Greer, a professor of political science at Fordham University, was slightly more optimistic about Liu's future.

"If he can redeem himself, I don't think it's a nail in the coffin," Greer said.

The real uphill battle, she said, will be winning back the public's trust.

"There is a constant nagging question about his trustworthiness," she said. "Not just with his behavior, but with the people he surrounds himself with."

Liu just plays

it calm

► City Comptroller John Liu has given no signs of abandoning his hope of one day succeeding Mayor Michael Bloomberg, and is keeping his distance from the latest controversy.

► "I am stunned by this news about Jenny Hou. These accusations against her are uncharacteristic and unexpected," Liu said yesterday in a statement. "Jenny is a smart, hardworking person who I hope will be treated fairly."

► When asked whether Liu was considering stepping down from his post as comptroller or stepping out of the mayoral race, George Arzt, Liu's campaign spokesman, said the suggestions were "ridiculous."



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► Comptroller John Liu said he was "stunned" his top fundraiser was arrested yesterday.

"This situation looks increasingly bleak for the comptroller, especially for a 2013 run."

DOUG MUZZIO, BARUCH COLLEGE

"If there's more to the story, he should just let us know now. He should be honest and quick."

CHRISTINA GREER, FORDHAM UNIVERSITY

Whole Foods market approved for Gowanus

GOWANUS. Whole Foods can finally prepare to stock shelves in Brooklyn, near the Gowanus Canal. After years of delays, the grocery store was approved yesterday by the city's Board of Standards and Appeals, the final obstacle before getting the green light to construct and build a 52,000-square-foot store.

Residents along the Gowanus Canal had pushed back against the supermarket plan, saying the superstore would take space that could otherwise be used

by industries or small businesses.

A Whole Foods spokesman said construction could begin as early as March for the store, which is scheduled to open next year.

The spokesman said Whole Foods envisions the space as a "community center" for the neighborhood, suggesting that the store could include a building to train people in food production and culinary skills along with providing creative space. **METRO/AB**



52,000

The 52,000-square-foot store is smaller than the original 68,000-square-foot store initially planned, and it also includes a smaller parking lot and an added greenhouse.

Protest at eatery where alleged rape occurred

WASHINGTON HEIGHTS. Dozens of neighborhood residents and local politicians rallied outside La Parilla Restaurant in Manhattan last night, demanding the Department of Buildings shut it down.

For months, tenants complained to city agencies that the owner of La Parilla was constructing a back room without a permit. And in that very room, four on-duty NYPD detectives allegedly sexual assaulted a 36-year-old waitress earlier this month.

"With the accusations of

"The allegations the waitress has made, if true, are extremely troubling"

COUNCILWOMAN FERRERAS, CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE ON WOMEN'S ISSUES

sexual assault against these four NYPD detectives, the situation has taking a troubling turn for the worse," Councilman Ydanis Rodriguez said.

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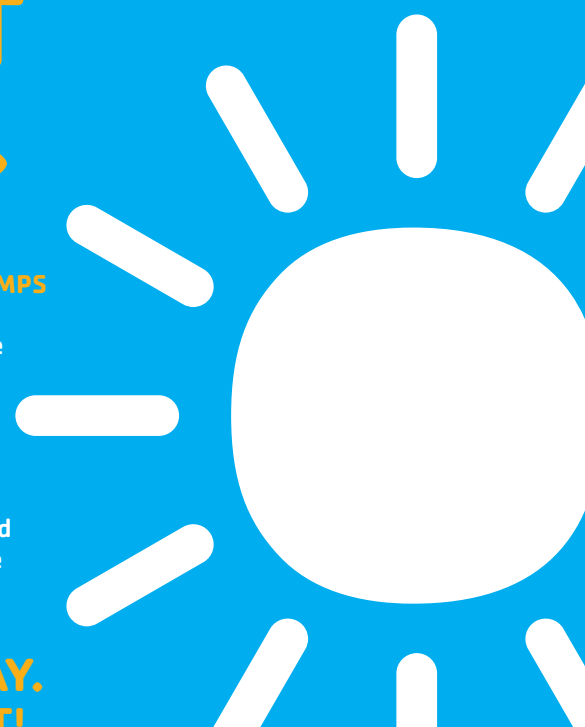
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Council cracks down on bike enforcement

► Illegal motorized bikes zoom down city streets, councilwoman says
 ► Proposes doubling fine for operators ► Often used by delivery workers

Motorized delivery bikes are a scourge zipping around the streets of Manhattan, and the fines for riding them should be much steeper, Councilwoman Jessica Lappin said yesterday.

The Upper East Side councilwoman will introduce a bill at today's City Council meeting that would double the fine for anyone caught riding a motorized bike, from \$500 to \$1,000.

Although motorized bikes are illegal, the NYPD does not stringently enforce the law against operating them.

Many restaurant workers say the bikes are vital to doing their job: Getting hot, fresh food delivered to people on time.

But Lappin is joining a chorus of pedestrian New Yorkers who say the bikes are a danger as they zoom past at up to 30 miles per hour.

In a survey Lappin e-mailed to her constituents, to which 1,300 people responded, 72 percent of New Yorkers reported they had been hit or almost hit by a delivery bike, Lappin said.

"My office constantly receives complaints about electric delivery bikes speeding down our crowded streets and sidewalks," Lappin said.

"They travel at high speeds and are incredibly dangerous," she added.



► When asked in a survey, 72 percent of Upper East Side residents said they have been hit or almost hit by a delivery bike.

Upper East Side resident Arlene Blatt told Lappin's office the bikes — both motorized and not — surprise and scare her as they come from varying directions.

"While walking in Manhattan, I've felt threatened by reckless electric and standard bicycles that often converge on me from multiple directions," she said.

Nicholas Viest, who is chair of the Upper East Side's Community Board 8, said the majority of the quality-of-life complaints the board receives are about delivery bikes.

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Bike complaints

Councilwoman Jessica Lappin sent out a survey about delivery bikes; 1,300 people responded.

72% said they have been hit or almost hit by a delivery bike.

70% said that the city does not enforce bicycle rules enough.

69% said the fines should be raised for riding a motorized bike.

Making scooters legal

Motorized bikes were made illegal by the city in 2004. But now, some legislators are considering legalizing some of them. Bushwick state Sen. Martin Malave Dilan proposed a bill that would allow certain electric bikes, such as those that can only go 20 mph at their peak speed. But community boards have asked city and state politicians to create stricter restrictions for the bikes, including a proposal that bike operators have licenses and be registered.

● ALISON BOWEN

Cop charged with drunken driving

EAST NEW YORK. An on-duty New York City police officer was arrested early yesterday morning and charged with drunken driving after he smashed his patrol car into a light pole.

Officer Christopher Morris, 31, was arrested in East New York just after 4 a.m. yesterday. He was charged with driving while intoxicated and refusing to take a Breathalyzer exam.

er exam.

Morris works out of the nearby 75th Precinct in the neighborhood. That is the same precinct where slain Sgt. Peter Figoski was based; Figoski was a 22-year veteran of the NYPD who was fatally shot in the line of duty in December. Prior to the crash, Morris had been drinking at a fundraiser party for Figoski's family before he was kicked out by other cops for being drunk, according to the Daily News. He was put on desk duty at the precinct but sneaked back out in his squad car.

● CARLY BALDWIN



► One of the stolen items.

Religious items stolen from synagogue

KEW GARDENS. Police are asking for the public's help in tracking down the people suspected of robbing a synagogue in Kew Gardens, Queens, in the past week. The suspects stole more than a dozen valuable religious items from Congregation Rachel Degel Israel located on 68th Drive, say police. Among the pilfered items included five silver Torah crowns and a silver cup.

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OWS launches new day of action today

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► Occupy Wall Street members in New York will meet at Bryant Park this morning at 9 a.m.

Occupy Wall Street is leaping back into the spotlight with a new nationwide day of action scheduled for today.

As a coordinated effort across 70 cities, Occupy Wall Street will target corporations involved with the American Legislative Exchange Council. Occupiers say that megacompanies like ExxonMobil, Bank of America, BP, Monsanto, Pfizer and Wal-Mart use ALEC to buy off politicians and craft legislation that puts corporate profits over the well-being of ordinary people.

Beginning at 9 a.m. today, Occupiers will hold a teach-in at Bryant Park with Matt Taibbi, an award-winning journalist and author.

Taibbi is best known for his

July 2009 Rolling Stone article "The Great American Bubble Machine," in which he described Goldman Sachs as "a great vampire squid wrapped around the face of humanity, relentlessly jamming its blood funnel into anything that smells like money."

After Taibbi's lecture, Occupiers will march from Bryant Park at noon and conduct "creative actions" targeting Bank of America, the New York offices of pharmaceutical giant Pfizer and the offices of the conservative billionaire Koch brothers.

There will be a second teach-in outside the Bank of America Tower, located on Sixth Avenue, just across the street from Bryant Park.

Yesterday afternoon, Occupiers also convened in Union Square.

Supporters of the Occupy Movement — including Rev. Stephen Phelps, senior minister at Riverside Church; famed New York civil liberties attorney Norman Siegel; and musician Peter Dinklage, of 1960s folk music trio Peter, Paul and Mary — will call for a "mass action against the suppression of the Occupy Movement."

Yesterday's rally was in response to the dismantling of Occupy London Monday night, as well as the NYPD's eviction of Occupy at Zuccotti Park.



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Ben & Jerry's, Nirvana donate to Occupy movement

News of today's anti-corporate day of action came at the same time a massive cash injection was given by wealthy supporters of the Occupy movement.

Thanks to the Movement Resource Group, comprised of the two founders of Ben & Jerry's ice cream and Nirvana's former manager Danny Goldberg, among others, Occupy Wall Street will be replenished with a \$300,000 donation, according



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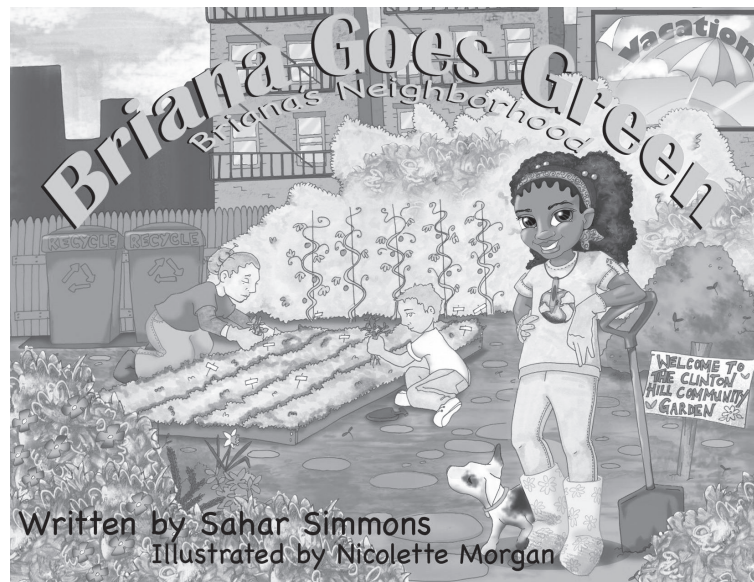
"Many of us have been working for progressive social change," Ben Cohen, the "Ben" of Ben & Jerry's, told the Journal. "There's been a critical ingredient missing."

The Movement Resource Group's goal is to raise \$1.8 million and distribute the funds to various protester-

led actions.

MRG's plan is to give out \$25,000 grants to other Occupy movements, pay for a \$150,000 national office in New York and give out \$100,000 to pay for individual projects. A smaller, undisclosed sum will be set aside for stipends for "core activists." ● METRO/EAE

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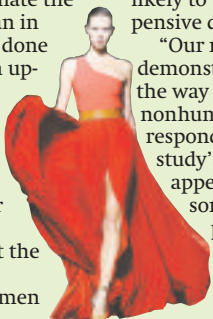


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Women in red prove more attractive to men: Study

Never underestimate the power of a woman in red. A new study done by a university in up-state New York looks at what attracts men to women and proves that red really is the color of love.

Researchers at the University of Rochester asked men



to look at photos of women framed by borders of different colors, including red. Turns out, the women wearing red or framed in red were rated more sexually desirable and even more likely to be treated to an expensive date.

"Our research demonstrates a parallel in the way that human and nonhuman male primates respond to red," said the study's authors. "It appears that at least to some degree, (men's) preferences and predilections are, in a word, primitive." ● METRO/CG

Transel Elevator still operating

Transel Elevator repairs and installs elevators at 2,500 units in the city, including Carnegie Hall, The Plaza Hotel — and 285 Madison Ave., the building where a woman was killed in a horrific elevator accident on Dec. 14.

Even though the Department of Buildings suspended the license of Transel's owner, John Fichera, on Monday the elevator company still insists it can operate.

\$117K The DOB also slapped the company with 23 violations, carrying a minimum fine of \$117,000.

According to the DOB, "the suspension prevents the company from performing any elevator upgrades, new installations, or inspections." But Transel spokesman Michael Claes said Fichera's suspension is an individual suspension of him, not the company, and that Transel "continues to operate its business."

Claes added, "While the accident was a terrible tragedy, Transel has fully cooperated throughout the investigation and will oppose the revocation of Mr. Fichera's private license sought by the DOB, and its findings, in the appropriate forum."

● METRO/AB

A proposed plan to fence off overhead dangers



► The DOT released this rendering of what the Brooklyn Bridge would look like with 8 feet of fencing. Its fencing right now does not meet the bill's standards.

► Council debates whether to add fencing to all overpasses ► Follows incidents where NYers were injured by objects thrown from above

Danger is lurking above New Yorkers' heads every day, one Councilman warns, and could drop in the form of a lobbed brick or tipped-over shopping cart.

People throwing things from overpasses is a problem that should be solved with higher fencing, Bronx Councilman James Vacca said yesterday at a Council meeting.

Vacca convened the hearing after several high-profile incidents: A man riding a bike was hit by a brick in August; Upper East Side resident Marion Hedgeshit was critically injured by a shopping cart thrown off an elevated parking garage in East Harlem in October; and two men were hit with another hurled shopping cart in the Bronx in January.

"Nobody should ever have to think that they should have to check above for falling objects as they walk the streets of New York," said Vacca.

His bill would require 8 feet of fencing be installed along plazas, ramps, overpasses and passageways.

"Street users should never be injured by the callous actions of people throwing things off overpasses."

COUNCILMAN JAMES VACCA

But officials from the Department of Transportation expressed concerns with the bill, saying the changes would cost \$50 million and take at least 10 years. Many of the DOT-operated 787 bridge structures already have 8-foot-tall barricades, said DOT deputy commissioner David Woloch.

But should Vacca's bill become law, about 100 elevated structures would have to be retrofitted, which would require an engineer's assessment and redesigned fencing.

"It's not an effective way to improve safety," Woloch said.

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Man recalls being hit with falling brick

FORT GREENE. Stephen Arthur, 44, a Park Slope cyclist and programmer, spoke at yesterday's hearing and described how he was hit in the face with a brick thrown from an overpass while biking in Fort Greene on Aug. 12.

The brick was thrown from the Navy Street overpass, he said.

The people who threw

the brick were never caught. He needed surgery, he said, and has been through two months of rehabilitation for injuries to his face and wrist.

Yesterday, he wore a wrist brace while biking to the Council meeting to testify, and said he still has pain in his teeth as well.

"No one deserves to go through this," he said. "My whole right side of my face was hit, was jarred," he told Metro.

He testified, he said, because "something needed to be done." ● METRO/AB

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► A report says the remains of 9/11 victims were mishandled by the military's main mortuary.

9/11 victims' remains ended up in landfill

Partial remains from some victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks ended up in a landfill, according to a Pentagon report released yesterday that also revealed other blunders at the U.S. military's main mortuary.

The Pentagon report said that several portions of remains found from the attack on the Pentagon and at the Pennsylvania crash site of a hijacked airliner presumably

ended up in a landfill after being handed over to a private firm.

It did not say precisely where the remains ended up.

Retired General John Abizaid, briefing Pentagon reporters on the findings of the review of practices at the mortuary at Dover Air Force Base, said it was unclear how many Sept. 11 victims' partial remains were disposed of in this manner.

"I don't know that there's a way to find out," Abizaid said.

The details were disclosed in passing in a report that focused on ways to improve oversight and controls of the Dover mortuary after the disclosure last year of the mishandling of remains of war dead. **REUTERS**

Previous mistake

► In 2006, the mortuary accidentally disposed of remains from a crashed Navy training aircraft as medical waste, as opposed to giving them a group burial.

Romney, Santorum see tight race in Michigan

DETROIT. Mitt Romney edged ahead of rival Rick Santorum in Michigan's Republican presidential primary yesterday as the former front-runner fought to avoid a humiliating defeat in the Rust Belt State where he grew up.

With 61 percent of precincts reporting at press

time, Romney led Santorum by 40 percent to 36 percent. Texas Congressman Ron Paul claimed 12 percent and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich had 7 percent.

In Arizona, television networks declared Romney the winner as soon as polls closed. **REUTERS**

Two more teens die after school shooting in Ohio

CHARDON, OHIO. Two more students have been pronounced dead from wounds suffered in Monday's shooting rampage at an Ohio high school, authorities said yesterday, as the shaken suburban Cleveland town prepared for

a vigil for the five teenage victims of the attack.

Demetrius Hewlin and Russell King Jr., 17, were both declared dead, a spokesman for Cuyahoga County Medical Examiner's office said, adding to the toll from the mayhem at Chardon High School.

Daniel Parmertor, 16, was declared dead on Monday. Two other students were still hospitalized yesterday with gunshot wounds.

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Boob jobs from hell

▶ As reports of botched implants increase, we ask plastic surgeons about what to look for in a doctor

Instead of going to a licensed medical practitioner for breast augmentation two weeks ago, a woman from Tyler, Texas, decided to go to Queen Divas Hair Salon and Spa instead. There, she was implanted with an unidentified substance by salon owner Carmel Foster, authorities told a local television station. The woman “became very ill — her chest was swollen, and she was complaining of a lot

of pain.” She was admitted to a local hospital in critical condition.

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“You’re having surgery electively,” explains Dr. Stephan Baker, a licensed plas-



tic surgeon in Coral Gables, Fla., who is certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery. “It makes all the sense in the world to check up on your surgeon.”

“You say to yourself, ‘What were some of these people thinking?’” he added.

The ABPS, the world’s largest organization of board-certified plastic surgeons, warns that more patients than ever are getting injured or dying because they are choosing to undergo procedures with unqualified surgeons or people.

The Texas story is just one case in a string of recent horrifying plastic surgery nightmares, which includes one woman who injected rubber cement into her patients to give them butt implants. A Los Angeles woman was left with a “uniboob,” where both her breasts were connected by skin after a botched surgery. And just last year, a woman received a \$10 million settlement from a British judge who determined her face lift surgery, which was performed in Leeds, U.K., caused nerve damage.

Baker says he understands

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why people want the cheaper route, but with any discount a potential patient must wonder what they are giving up for the lower cost. “There is a misconception among consumers that as long as a doctor is certified in a medical field that he or she is qualified to practice plastic surgery. This is absolutely wrong and it is dangerous for patients,” said Malcolm Z. Roth,

an M.D. and ASPS president.

However, some people will opt to travel to other countries or locations to get their surgery done for cheaper. Baker says while “medical tourism” doesn’t necessarily mean a death sentence, and different markets do have different prices, it is still very important to make sure that whoever is performing your procedure is licensed and the appropriate person to do your procedure. “To stay safe, you have to do your homework,” Baker said.

The Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons said that cases of corrective surgery rose 38 percent over 2011, with the majority of the revisions due to medical tourism procedures — especially breast resizing. And 72 percent of surgeons said they had seen tourism surgery cases they couldn’t correct.

“You have to be suspicious, and you have to ask questions,” Baker said. “If it is too good to be true, it is too good to be true. Surgery is something you can’t return.”



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How to find a good doctor

Baker says there are some simple checks that any person can do to make sure their surgeon is not only licensed to perform the procedure they want, but will know what to do if a complication arises.

- ▶ Check what boards the surgeon is certified by and make sure the accreditation comes from a valid organization.
- ▶ Look into if the person performing the procedure has a valid medical license. In the United States, you can always check with a state’s Board of Medicine to see if the doctor is licensed to practice in that state.
- ▶ Ask about what kind of anesthesia the doctor gives patients, and who

will administer the anesthesia. A licensed anesthesiologist should be on hand.

- ▶ Read about the doctor’s reputation. If people are happy, chances are the new patient will be happy too. Look at before and after photos.
- ▶ See if the person performing the procedure has privileges at any local hospitals. Because many plastic surgery operations take place in the doctor’s office, Baker says it is important to make sure that the doctor can have you treated right away just in case something goes wrong. Hospitals that give plastic surgeons privileges are vouching for the doctor.

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We've been gone for a little while and boy has a whole lot changed. Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney is considered the front-runner of a race no one seems particularly excited about finishing. In a classic case of Romneyming, the well-to-do politician explained to NASCAR aficionados that he, too, enjoys the popular Southern pastime — especially considering that several of his friends own teams! And Restore Our Future, the super PAC backing Romney, has unleashed a torrent of negative ads attacking his current closest contender, Rick Santorum, who until rather recently was actually leading in a series of nationwide polls.

What a world of difference a week and a half can make! Well, the whole narrative may — but most probably won't — change today when with any luck the winner(s) of yesterday's two qualifying contests, in Michigan and Arizona, are announced. The results are expected to arrive too late for us to do any substan-

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Because sometimes you only have time to skim the headlines:

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tial analysis today; we'll save that for tomorrow, and leave the guesswork to the experts.

Experts such as poll analyst Nate Silver, who thinks Michigan — Romney's home state, though one he's antagonized by strongly opposing Obama-led auto bailouts that seem to have led to a strengthened local industry and the saving of millions of jobs — could go either way. Most polls, meanwhile, show Arizona leaning strongly in Romney's favor.

Regardless of who wins, though, the campaign environment isn't likely to undergo a drastic change. Will an unrealistic double-rout by Santorum compel Romney to cede the race to his rival? Not likely. Nor will the more plausible double Romney win convince Santorum et al that they've missed their chance. Ron Paul is still playing the long game, hoping to pick up enough consolation delegates to buy some more establishment support for his libertarian ideas. And then there's Gingrich: Educated guessing on the future intentions of that guy likely eludes even experts like Silver.

With Super Tuesday a week away, we may yet be on the cusp of some serious political momentum; if, that is, voters agree enough to elevate a single candidate. If not, a brokered convention may be on the horizon — a looming possibility that could, perhaps, be one GOP mystery more unfathomable than even Gingrich himself.

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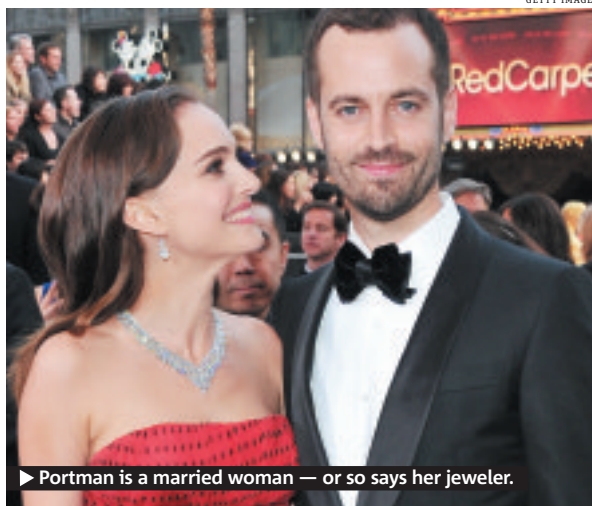
— Dorothy Robinson will return tomorrow.

Natalie Portman is married — and didn't invite us

After showing up to the Academy Awards sporting suspicious rings, it seems that **Natalie Portman** and **Benjamin Millepied** did, indeed, get married without telling us. Jeweler **Jamie Wolf** confirms that the couple — who met on the set of "Black Swan" and have a son together — created the wedding bands.

"I designed the rings worn by Benjamin Millepied and Natalie Portman," Wolf told Us-Magazine.com. "They were made with recycled platinum and conflict-free diamonds."

Their eco-friendly jeweler leaked the news? This, friends, is what we call a rich person problem.



► Portman is a married woman — or so says her jeweler.

Jolie's Oscar leg explained

After we had time to process **Angelina Jolie's** display of a whole lot of right leg at the Oscars, we moved on to round two: finding answers. (At least we think this is round two — there aren't a whole lot of guidelines here.) Naturally, an unnamed source who is "close to her" was happy to speculate

about the pose to Perez Hilton.com. "Angie was vamping it up, no more, nothing less," says the source. "She was having fun, living in the moment, like she always does. She is absolutely oblivious to the controversy and attention the sexy pose has created."

This is what we were afraid of. There's no joke, no silly bet with **George Clooney** and **Brad**

Pitt, no extra cocktail to blame: She thought this was sexy.

Angelina Jolie, you are Angelina Jolie, undisputed and supreme Hollywood sex symbol. Sticking your bare leg out on stage is the equivalent of **Chris Rock** getting up there and telling recycled "Two and a Half Men" jokes. You're better than this — or, at least, hotter than this.



► Spader has turned in his two weeks.

Spader is off 'Office'

James Spader is ending his recurring role as the disturbing Robert California on "The Office" after this season. "James always wanted this to be a one-year arc, and he now leaves us

having created one of the most enigmatic and dynamic characters in television," said executive producer **Paul Lieberstein** in a statement.

We love a nice exit speech, but he's not even the most "enigmatic" character at **Dunder Mifflin**. What say you, **Dwight Schrute**?

Great expectations for Blue Ivy

Blue Ivy Carter is just 7 weeks old, but some are already expecting she'll follow in parents **Beyonce** and **Jay-Z's** famous footsteps. "She is going

to be an entertainer," family friend **Gwyneth Paltrow** tells Hollywood Life. "She just has this glow around her like her mother."

That glow? It's most likely Cheerios dust, Gwyn — give the girl some room.

Talking points

More secret wedding news: Biel and Timberlake

Jessica Biel and **Justin Timberlake** are trying to keep their engagement quiet, but their friends and family aren't really helping. First, Timberlake's grandmother spilled the beans about the singer's proposal, and now Biel's "New Year's Eve"

director, **Garry Marshall**, is gushing about their renewed romance. "We talk about it a lot. I hope it all works out. They are terrific kids," Marshall tells Us Weekly. "I love them both. I'm happy for her."

Young claims she's innocent

"Blade Runner" star **Sean Young** was arrested after trying to sneak into the post-Oscars Governors Ball, according to TMZ. The actress, who recently appeared on "Celebrity Rehab



► Thurman

with Dr. Drew," made it into the party initially and hobnobbed with the likes of **Brad Pitt** and **Angelina Jolie** before being asked to leave, as she didn't have a ticket for the event. Sources say she then tried to get back into the party, leading to an altercation with security personnel. Young was booked on a misdemeanor battery charge.

Baby on the way for Thurman

Uma Thurman is expecting a baby with financier **Arpad Bus-**

son, her rep confirms to People magazine. And while the actress wasn't necessarily ready to talk about her pregnancy, her friends were more than happy to. "Yes, Uma is pregnant," a Thurman pal tells Life & Style. "She hasn't announced it yet, but a lot of her friends were asking her because they could tell the difference when they saw her at New York Fashion Week. She's usually so skinny, but now she has the cutest little bump and a glow about her." Thurman also has two children with ex-husband **Ethan Hawke**.



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, **Judy Greer** is learning new things, **Matt Lucas** is easily amused, **Kelly Osbourne** will only go so far for beauty, **Steve Martin** is behind schedule and **Joan Rivers** had a wardrobe malfunction.

@missjudygreer

Turns out I married a man who knows every word to every Neil Diamond song ever. This wasn't mentioned in the courting process.

@RealMattLucas

You'll chuckle at this. I just took a shower and I actually did at one point drop the soap.

@MissKellyO

random question what can i do to get rid of puffy eyes from crying? there is no way i am putting hemroid cream on my eyes!

@SteveMartinToGo

Still getting dressed for Oscars.

@Joan_Rivers

Both **Jennifer Lopez** and I have experienced nipple slips at the Oscars. The only difference is that mine was peeking out of an open-toe shoe.



Say hello to the new 'Dancing with the Stars' cast

We don't really remember half of these people either, so here's a helpful little cheat sheet.

1. Melissa Gilbert: The former "Little House on the Prairie" star (and sister to **Sara Gilbert**, a host on "The Talk"), returns to ABC after she directed the network's after school special, "Me and My Hormones." Yup, that is true. She'll join tabloid star/pro dancer **Maksim Chmerkovskiy**.

2. Sherri Shepherd: We're a little curious about how Shepherd will manage her time between this show, rehearsals and her gig as a co-host on "The View," but hey, the gal must really love her ABC. She dances with **Val Chmerkovskiy** (and no, that's not a coincidental last name: His brother is **Maksim**).

3. Martina Navratilova: Navratilova is the only tennis player in the world who has won Grand Slam titles in four different

decades. The breast cancer survivor has won 59 Grand Slam titles, nine Wimbledon singles championships and 344 tournaments. She's paired with **Tony Dovolani**.

4. Maria Menounos: The actress, author and TV host has a pretty beefy résumé: At 22, she was the youngest person to host "Entertainment Tonight," and she also conducted the only interview with the Obama family during the presidential campaign. She dances alongside **Derek Hough**.

5. Gladys Knight: The diva of soul needs no introduction: She's won eight Grammys during her illustrious career and has recorded more than 38 albums. She was most recently seen in the **Tyler Perry** film "I Can Do Bad All By Myself." Knight is paired with **Tristan MacManus**.

6. Jaleel White: Before there was **Zoey Deschanel**, the most adorkable person on TV was **Steve Urkel**. White returns to network television after stints on "Boston Legal," "House" and the feature film "Dreamgirls." He'll be dancing with two-time champ **Kym Johnson**.

7. Donald Driver: Packers' fans will know Driver as a Super Bowl champ and the All-Time Leading Receiver for the Wisconsin team. He's also authored children's books and founded a charity to help the homeless. He'll dance alongside pro **Peta Murgatroyd**.

8. Roshon Fegan: He's a 20-year-old Disney Channel star who appeared in the "Camp Rock" films and is now on "Shake It Up!" He also writes and produces his own music under his own record label. Impressive! He's paired with **Chelsie Hightower**.

9. Gavin Degraw: Unfortunately, the last we heard of the "I Don't Wanna Be" singer, he was getting beat up by thugs in New York City's East Village. He's back in the news for a better reason now, dancing with last season's winner, **Karina Smirnoff**.

10. Jack Wagner: You might remember him from his days on "General Hospital" and "Melrose Place." Or you might recognize him as **Heather Locklear**'s fiancé (until November 2011, at least). He dances with **Anna Trebunskaya**.

11. William Levy: Ay, papi! No stranger to TV, the Latin heartthrob can be seen on Univision's "Triunfo del Amor," the No. 1 telenovela on TV. He'll show off his moves alongside two-time champ **Cheryl Burke**.

12. Katherine Jenkins: She's a Welsh classical singer who is apparently really famous overseas. She'll dance with two-time champ **Mark Ballas**.

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'Rise of the Last King' indeed

A new album and a national tour should have an artist feeling on top of the world. But when you're a member of Young Money — home of Lil Wayne, Nicki Minaj and Drake — no one could blame you if you were a bit nervous. Yet rapper Tyga seems to be at ease with his position at what is arguably hip-hop's hottest label.

"I don't think I ever really got lost," he says. "Everyone just kind of learned from Wayne. I just use it as a chance to watch and grow."

Resting easy — and hard work — seems to be the right course of action for the rapper, who is straight outta Compton. Since his 2008 debut album, "No Introduction," a string of mix tapes has maintained the buzz. His collaboration with Chris Brown, "Fan of a Fan," gave birth to "Deuces," which netted a Grammy nod and helped the controversial R&B singer on the comeback trail.

Tyga's newest project, sophomore album "Careless World: Rise Of The Last King," released



► Though his album title insists he's living in a "Careless World," Tyga has carefully laid out his career path.

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last week, is on track to crack 70,000 in first-week sales — not bad, considering an uncleared sample kept physical copies out of the stores. It's an album that steps up his game while claiming a more diverse sound — Nicki Minaj, Nas and Maybach Music Group's comeback king, Wale, are collaborators. But even with a massive hit like the anchor track "Rack City," don't expect Tyga to coast on his accomplishments.

"With my generation of fans you have to be consistent," he says. "And that's something that I like to do."



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TV watch list

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► The models pose as famous British and American figures on the "British Invasion" edition of "America's Next Top Model."

'America's Next Top Model'

REALITY. Dubbed "British Invasion," Cycle 18 is a fierce-off between former contestants from "Britain's Next Top Model" and newbie American model wannabes. If

an American fails to win "America's Next Top Model," is that an automatic declaration of war? Will new judge Kelly Cutrone lead the charge? **Season premiere, 9 p.m., The CW**

'Psych'

COMEDY. The guys use Shawn's fake psychic powers to hunt for a mythical dagger. Perhaps Gus has an imaginary friend who can help! **Midseason premiere, 10 p.m., USA**

'Top Chef: Texas'

REALITY. The Season 9 Top Chef is crowned in British Columbia, where there is less pressure to barbecue every dish. **Season finale, 10 p.m., Bravo**

'Modern Family'

COMEDY. Cameron, a leap year baby, celebrates his "10th" birthday — which the family finds amusing for about 10 seconds, considering he's actually 40. **9 p.m., ABC**

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Best known as the frontman and lyricist for the Hold Steady, Craig Finn is taking a brief hiatus from the band and going out on his own. His solo record, "Clear Heart Full Eyes," came out earlier this month and he's now on tour to promote and preview his new songs.

"We decided to take a four- or five-month break and I needed something to do," says Finn. "I had made five records in seven years with the Hold Steady and figured I would step outside and get some perspective. That's the best way to grow artistically. I'm a big fan of pushing forward to the point of discomfort. I took new approaches with this one that would benefit me and the Hold Steady."

With an educated and spoken-word delivery, Finn's rapid rants often reflect the passion that Jack Kerouac was able to put to his typewriter with the immediacy of those amphetamine-fueled fingers. But while Finn's recurring characters strayed from the straight and narrow, his band's songs usually offered some sort of solace or catharsis in the end — with his solo record, not so much.

"I think [the solo record] lacks some of the optimism that the Hold Steady has," notes Finn. "The Hold Steady is positive, and there's a celebrated nature to the music. I chose to take a little break from that."

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► Finn says his solo songs are darker than his band songs.

Don't fear the stylus

There's a trend in smartphones, and some might call it disturbing. Hand-in-hand with the recent surge of phones with gigantic screens comes a surprise visitor, poking its way out of the technological past to stab at us here in the present: the stylus.

First there was the Samsung Galaxy Note, a phone with a massive, 5-inch screen and a pull-out stylus called the S Pen. Now, straight from the Mobile World Congress show in Barcelona, LG just debuted its answer to the Note, the Optimus Vu, another 5-inch phone that sports a stylus. Tablets are getting in on the action, too: The Samsung Galaxy Note 10.1 rocks an S Pen, and the new PadFone from Asus has a stylus that also doubles as a Bluetooth headset!

One phone that includes a stylus is an odd throwback. But four devices — that's a clear pattern, one that is rubbing many people the wrong way. Commentators from Computerworld to Wired have all chimed in to point out what an anachronistic addition a stylus is to a modern smartphone. It's also the wrong attitude. It still has a place in technology.

So why would anyone want to go back to the using an ac-



► The Samsung Galaxy Note

cessory when phones have evolved enough to be instantly sensitive to finger touches? Simple answer: accuracy.

"I like it for its precision," says technologist Adrian Calderon. "Even working on an iPhone, I can often tap with my stylus much faster than I can type with my finger."

The stylus lets Calderon draw with more care in apps like SketchBook; but when the hardware is matched to the stylus, there's even more potential to unlock.

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Occupation: Designer,
blogger



► Name: Anna Dello Russo
Occupation: Blogger,
editor-at-large Vogue Japan

PHOTOS: GIIA

1. What she's wearing: "A Tod's trench, a Shourouk necklace, an Alexander Wang top, Isabel Marant skirt, Pierre Hardy shoes and a Corto Molto clutch."

2. What she's wearing: "The top and pants are No. 21, shoes Alessandro Dell'Acqua, clutch, Corto Molto and a vintage

necklace."

3. What she's wearing: "I'm wearing a Dries Van Noten top, J brand jeans [and] Balenciaga shoes — and the glasses are Colab's pretty little eyes."

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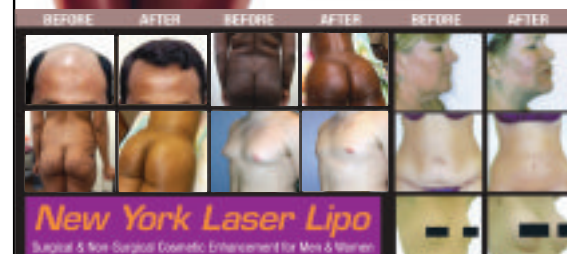
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The skinny on eating disorders

- A gaunt frame is what you might see — what you don't are the underlying causes of the victim's disorder
- It's not just a teen issue
- One recovering patient speaks

While eating disorders are readily associated with anorexic girls supposedly wanting to be model-thin, the reality is far more complex than feminine vanity.

"There are many types of eating disorders," says Dr. Gregg Jantz, founder of A Place of Hope, an eating disorder treatment center, and the author of "Hope, Help, and Healing for Eating Disorders." "For example, there's binge eating and food addiction. An eating disorder is a chronic faulty relationship with food that con-

trols one's life."

Behavior includes bingeing and purging, starvation, laxative abuse and compulsive overeating; but Dr. Jantz warns that these are all symptoms, not the problem. A complex range of psychological and/or emotional conditions are behind eating disorders, including feelings of inadequacy, depression, anxiety and loneliness. Troubled relationships with family, friends or work colleagues may all play a part. According to Dr. Jantz, young girls and women age 13 to 30

are most at risk, with about 5 percent of eating disorders occurring in males.

Eating disorders can be triggered by a single traumatic event, such as death, divorce or rape — or a degrading comment. They can also take longer to develop, building as traumatic experiences mount up. Focusing on food gives relief to unaddressed emotional pain, until it spirals out of control.

"It becomes an addiction because it controls you despite many attempts to quit," Dr. Jantz says.

And though sufferers can exhibit considerable shame about their condition, the stigma is being reduced. Public figures like Lady Gaga and Elton John have come forward about bulimia, and the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week — currently underway now — seeks to educate the public.

"It makes it safer to get help, because you realize you're not alone," says Dr. Jantz. "Be bold and seek help."

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ravaging their effects.

When you see someone, perhaps with skeletal frame, who you think has an eating disorder, you are seeing the outward effects of starvation. What is more damaging is the decay of a starved spirit, mind and personality.

It's hard to grasp the emotional and mental bondage that traps people in these illnesses. Friends, family, even too few doctors have any idea what



► Judith Shaw's "Somebody"

goes on in the mind of someone with an eating disorder. This is a fundamental barrier to

early diagnosis and effective treatment.

There is no one-size-fits-all recovery method. A team approach, including help from field specialists, is needed to address the mental, physical and emotional aspects of these potentially deadly diseases.

—Judith Shaw is an artist and creator of "Body of Work: The Art of Eating Disorder Recovery," a sculptural diary.

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How Emma Stone got her red-carpet bod

We couldn't help but notice how hot Emma Stone looked in her Giambattista Valli and Chanel gowns at Sunday night's Oscars. We asked her personal trainer, Armando Alarcon, about her routine — and how you can emulate it without the hefty trainer's fee.

First: You'll look leaner if you have the proper posture

Everyone has problem areas that affect their overall posture. Identify these and bring the body back to its original state before working on it more. One common problem occurs when your chest pulls you forward and your back doesn't have the strength to hold the shoulders back, rounding the shoulders and causing a squatted forward lean of the head. You need to focus on working the back muscles; Pilates is great for this. Giving your posture a little TLC also flattens out the stomach and brings the chest and the shoulders back, down and correctly aligned with the head.

Make use of your whole body

Never single out one exercise. Full-body training will make you use more muscle and burn calories.

"The body does not move as one single entity," says Alarcon.



► Stone

Drink this

Alarcon's flat-stomach green juice

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2 stalks of celery



"Constantly change your routine with a mix of Pilates, basic weight-lifting, yoga and plyometrics so that the body changes as a whole rather than one particular muscle group."

Weights don't need to weigh you down

The celebs use weights — well, light ones.

"Adding five-pound ankle or arm weights to any exercise is hard as heck but causes more of a burn," Alarcon says. "It maximizes the effort and shortens the time needed to gain the maximum amount of muscle. You can go from doing 20 reps to 10-15 and get the exact same results."

If it's bad, don't eat it

Alarcon doesn't believe in diets. Allow yourself to eat what you want to eat or you will crash. His food rules are simple: If you think it's bad, it probably is, so don't eat it. If you think it's too much, then don't eat it all.

"Emma is the perfect example of someone who controls her eating very well," Alarcon says. "She doesn't go on diets and does indulge once in a while; but overall, she eats very little meat and fatty foods and lots of fresh fruit and vegetables. And she does Pilates for tone."

knees in one motion toward the chest. Pause — and in one motion, kick both legs out again to end up back in the plank position.

The squat jump

Stand with your feet shoulder-width apart. Lower yourself into a squat, with your back straight and feet fully on the floor. Rise onto your toes and hop two or three inches into the air while maintaining your squat position.

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► Alarcon and Stone pound the pavement.

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The plank/pushup

Lie facedown on the floor with your palms at shoulder level, fingers pointing forward. Squeezing your glutes, push yourself up until your bodyweight rests only on your palms and toes. Lower yourself and repeat.

The hop up and back

After three reps, hold the plank position and begin to hop both

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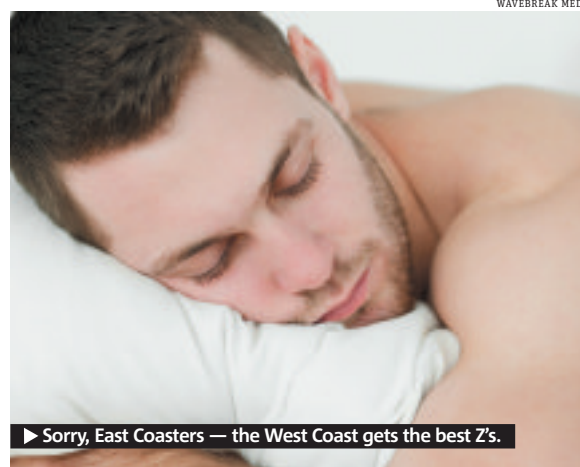
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Study subjects: 157,319 people in 36 states

Location of study: U.S.

Results: According to researchers at the University of Pennsylvania, people living in Southern states endure more sleep disturbance, while people in the West get better sleep. Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and West Virginia had the highest rates of sleep problems.

Significance: Geographic links to sleep patterns is a new area of study; but regional differences in health care and poverty levels, as well as ethnicity, are cited as strong factors affecting sleep.

Citrus may ward off
female strokes

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► Sorry, East Coasters — the West Coast gets the best Z's.

Study subjects: 70,000 women
Location of study: U.K.

Results: A study published in Stroke: Journal of the American Heart Association found that women who had the highest dietary intake of flavonoids were 19 percent less likely to suffer ischemic stroke, which obstructs blood flow to the brain.

Flavonoids are especially high in oranges and grapefruits.

Significance: The role flavonoids may play in protecting against stroke or cardiovascular disease

is still uncertain. But vitamin C is a natural anti-inflammatory, which could help keep blood vessels healthy.

Improper condom
use common

Study subjects: Sexually active adults

Location of study: Worldwide

Results: Sexual Health journal published new studies documenting worldwide condom use and found that the

avoidance and incorrect use of condoms is commonplace. Researchers called for improved education and instruction on properly using protection.

Significance: Researchers pointed out that AIDS is increasing in the U.S. Condoms are a vital factor in stemming the disease, as well as other sexually transmitted diseases and unplanned pregnancies.

H5N1 flu and
mortality

Study subjects: 12,000 people in Asia, Europe and Africa

Location of study: U.S.

Results: A study from Science journal devalues the World Health Organization's figures on H5N1 bird flu — which was reported to kill nearly 60 percent of infected people — suggesting the fatality rate may be much lower. Most subjects of the study infected with bird flu did not get sick, and none of them perished.

Significance: Because the number of people infected with H5N1 is higher than the WHO thought, the fatality percentage was lowered; however, there is no concrete data on what the true fatality rate is. ● LINDA CLARKE

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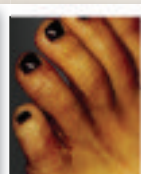
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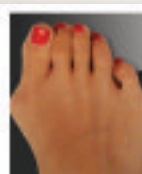
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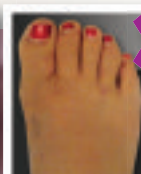
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Conservative ideas: Oxymoronic jokes

RE: "MOST OF THE PEOPLE V. CITIZENS UNITED": Devyn Drake is absolutely right that money is not speech (nor is it power!), and corporations are not people. Devyn, I too blame the craziness of the system on the conservative "Justices", contrary to Scalia's quote — it was Scalia, after all, who stole the 2000 election from Gore and gave it to Bush. Now that was crazy! The fact that conservative politicians, judges and voters favor Citizens United tells me that conservative thinking is an oxymoron, just like "Fox news" and "business ethics".

J. ANDREW SMITH, BLOOMFIELD, NJ

Obama deserves credit not scorn

It is so sad to see time has

not changed. I am not a Muslim, but I know Muslims. Every Catholic priest is not a child molester; not all Muslims are radicals. They who denounce our president and speak of how he is making the U.S. weak are the radicals. Obama has strengthened our country.

DWAYNE ROBINSON, VIA E-MAIL

"Ron Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan."

RE: "RUNNING FOR PRESIDENT WITH SCISSORS": Ron Paul does not support the massive deficit spending that has resulted in today's 15 trillion-dollar long-term debt. He opposes the thousands of congressional earmarks supporting tens of billions of dollars in pork barrel member

item spending. Paul is no fan of corporate welfare or spending billions on useless weapons systems supported by Congress but not requested by the Pentagon. Paul will abolish corporate welfare subsidies via favorable tax code deductions and start a real campaign against waste, fraud and abuse. He will close down obsolete military bases abroad and reduce United Nations and foreign aid to those who offer us no support when needed. Paul will end the wasteful war in Afghanistan.

LARRY PENNER, GREAT NECK

Hey, we didn't kill all of 'em, right?

New reports declare that only 30 percent of the casualties of drone attacks in Pakistan were civilians and 70 percent were militants. That is better

news, but not good news. It means we only kill three innocent people out of every ten. That is exactly like our police only killing one citizen every time they kill two criminals in a chase. Would we live with that? **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, BED-STUY**

Where is Obama's leadership now?

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's tough words on Russia and China's inaction to stop Syria's slaughter of their citizens is just what we needed to hear — from President Obama! Any chance they could trade places?

HERB STARK, MASSAPEQUA

Stomach problems are unsettling

It can be debated which of Rick Santorum's many shortcomings makes him a poor choice for president, but his admission that a speech by Kennedy made him "want to throw up" ought to at least worry the medical community. **DAVID TERHUNE, BROOKLYN**

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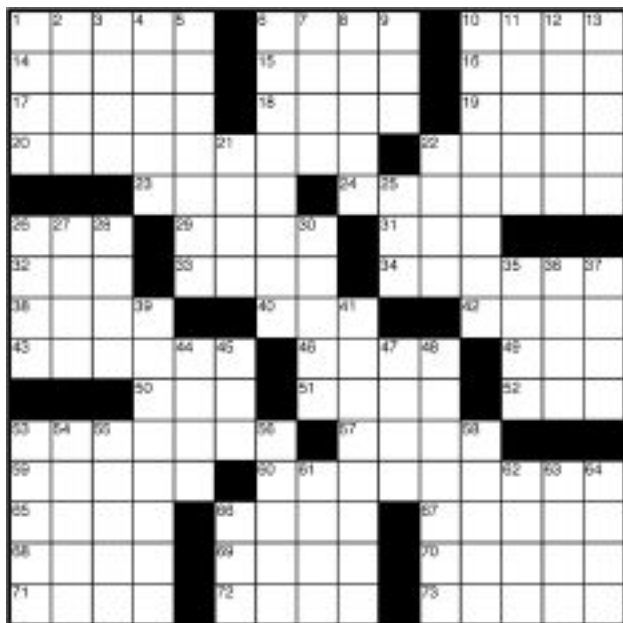
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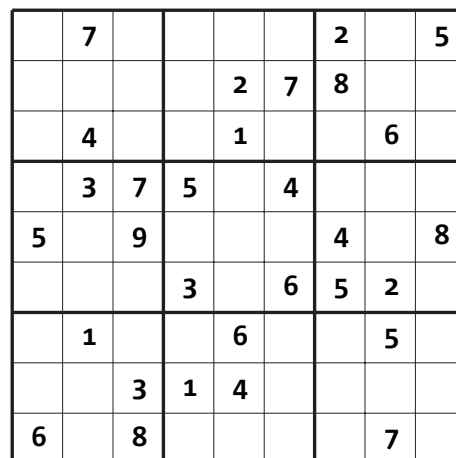
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Solution to yesterday's crossword



How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Horoscope

✕ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** When left to your own devices, you're likely to exercise a lot of initiative and will accordingly get things done. But if you feel you're being pushed into doing something, you'll balk.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** When dealing with a person with whom you've had some kind of problem in the past, you're likely to focus only on what bugged you about him or her and not on the present situation.

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** When other people's assets are put in your hands, consider it a sacred trust. Bend over backward to live up to the expectations of those who have placed their faith in you.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** Be protective of your self-interest, but don't go to extremes about guarding your position. Be willing to adjust to the will of others when you believe it to be necessary.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** You'll only have yourself to blame if you do things that you know will go against your best interest. Make sure you fully consider the consequences of your actions.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** You are generally a good shopper when you put your mind to it, but if some irresistible items are dangled in front of you, good intentions could fade.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Do not leave the making of a personally important decision totally up to another. Abdicating your rights could lead to complications that only you might suffer.

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Co-workers will resent it if they feel that you are acting in a superior way toward them. If you're not careful, you could quickly slip into this mode when placed in a leadership position.

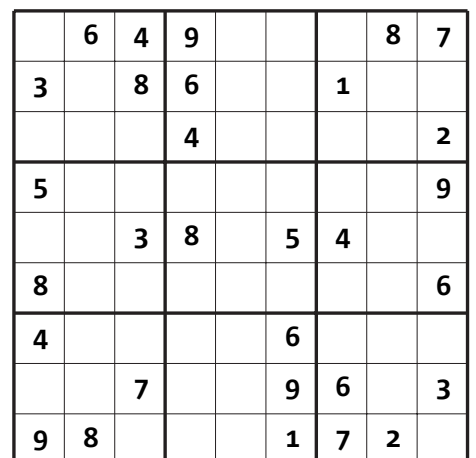
♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** It's essential to make sure your counterpart is a capable one when dealing together in a financial venture. You'll need to work in harmony to positively affect the bottom line.

♐ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You won't be at your best when forced to make a decision under pressure. Take control so that you'll have time to weigh and balance things at your own pace.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Remember, you are the master of your own fate when making and keeping pledges to others. No one will be forgiving if you break your promise and fail to do as you say.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Relying on your hunches regarding a speculative risk is a bad idea. If you think an irrational urge is instead an intuitive perception, you could get yourself in real trouble fast.

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Coach says D-Will to Dallas a possibility

The Nets were in and out of Dallas last night, but it could be a permanent destination for Deron Williams next year.

Williams tried to fend off questions about his hometown team, but Nets head coach Avery Johnson freely admitted the Mavericks are likely the top competition for his

point guard's services next season.

"I know the guy," Johnson said of his former boss Mark Cuban. "I think because of the success he's had — and I know he got criticized a lot for quote-unquote having all those years where he didn't win a championship — but

he's had some great success here that rivals any situation. So that's a threat."

The Nets are pursuing Orlando center Dwight Howard before the March 15 trade deadline, but if the Magic aren't interested the Nets' future will be hanging by a thread.



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Williams made it no secret he loves playing in Dallas.

"I've always liked playing here," he said. "This is one of my favorite arenas to play in — probably my favorite arena to play in. It's always good when an arena has a lot of energy. Ours doesn't have too much energy." ● METRO

Have to let it linger?

► Tyson Chandler can't seem to shake left wrist injury, even after All-Star break ► Still plans to play tonight in second-half opener ► Admits he's been limited, will test team depth



JIM MCISAAC/GETTY IMAGES

► Tyson Chandler has been playing with his left wrist taped, but the injury does not appear to be getting better as he'd hoped.

It's a good thing the Knicks have enough players to go two deep at most positions because their depth could be tested soon.

Despite a layoff during the All-Star break, center Tyson Chandler's left wrist hasn't made the recovery that he and the training staff have hoped. Chandler was seen at yesterday's practice heavily favoring his wrist, often flexing his hand and stretching out his wrist.

The veteran said he'll do

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what he can to play through the pain, but if Tuesday's session was any indication, Chandler could be hindered by this ailment.

"I thought the [All-Star] break would do me some good, but coming back today in practice and trying to catch the ball was still difficult," Chandler said. "It's still pretty

sore, [but] as long as I feel like I can fight through it I'll stay out there."

Chandler first hurt the wrist in a Feb. 19 game against his former team, the Mavericks. He aggravated it the following night in a loss to the Nets and said that during that game was the first time he felt as if the wrist could be a problem.

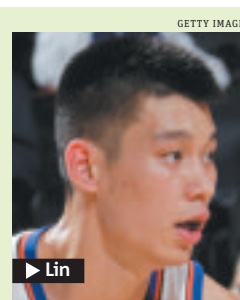
"I felt like in the last couple of games, there were plays like in the [New] Jersey game when we made a couple of

key steals, but I wasn't able to make the outlet [passes] and the ball just fell out of my hands," Chandler said, adding the real problem isn't just the wrist itself.

"If it continues to bother me then I'll kind of wonder about it. They said it's a deep bone bruise and affecting the nerves, which is the reason for the weakness in my hands."



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► Lin

D'Antoni happy with chemistry

Head coach Mike D'Antoni said he's happy with the way guys have bought into the system.

He added that it all starts with his veteran leadership, particularly Stoudemire, who has found a way to balance being a team leader while not letting ego get into the way.

Prior to Carmelo Anthony's arrival last February, Stoudemire was the city's "it" guy. But Anthony stole some of that luster, without a peep from Stoudemire.

D'Antoni said such praise can also be given to point guard Jeremy Lin, whose meteoric rise to fame has made for a great story. The coach said the notoriety hasn't changed Lin as a person.

"He's the same guy. He won't change," D'Antoni said. "He's a smart kid [and] has a good ego."

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In the news

Giants to kick off 2012 NFL season Sept. 5

It's no surprise the Giants will host the season opener this fall, the slot traditionally given to the defending Super Bowl champion. What's different is the date. Due to the Democratic National Convention being on Thursday, Sept. 6, the NFL moved the opener up a day and the season will start on a Wednesday for the first time in league history. ● METRO

In the news



Plax an Eagle?

The quoteworthy Plaxico Burress is ready for an offseason do-over.

After turning down the favored Eagles last year, it appears he's ready to join them in 2012.

"Nothing else would make me happier. Obviously coming to Philadelphia, instituting myself into the offense, it just adds a unique dynamic to what's already in place," Burress said.

NFL combine winners, losers

► Annual draft workouts wrapped up in Indianapolis yesterday ► Metro takes a look at some of the names who caught people's attention, negatively or positively ► Who could the Giants and Jets be targeting in the draft?

The NFL combine, a weeklong event held in flyover country, tests football players in nearly every way, but how they perform in pads, the most important part of what makes a player draftable.

Yet, all 32 teams have flocked to Indianapolis this week to poke, prod and ponder over 300 NFL draft prospects.

The combine opened on Feb. 22 and wrapped up yesterday after six days of interviews, workouts and, of course, the vaunted 40-yard dash.

The Giants went to the combine as conquering heroes, coming off their fourth Super Bowl win in franchise history. The Jets, well, they left their fans wanting.



Some players have emerged as having all the right metrics.

Metro breaks down a few that could be on the radar of the local teams.

A look at the winners and losers in the NFL Combine so far:

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DT Dontari Poe, Memphis

Admit it, Poe was not a player you knew coming into the combine, unless you are an avid follower of Conference USA.

But the defensive tackle, who at 346 pounds was among the biggest players to ever attend the combine, clocked in an impressive 4.98-second time in the 40-yard dash and led all defensive linemen in the bench press.

Poe's mobility in drills moved him up the leaderboard from a late first-round pick to possibly a top-15 selection.

Giants general manager Jerry Reese has never turned down a mobile pass-rusher, but Poe likely won't last until the Giants select at No. 32. On the other hand, Poe would be a perfect fit in Rex Ryan's 3-4 defense.

He could be available mid-first round when the Jets draft, but will general manager Mike Tannenbaum really go with him after taking two defensive linemen last year with their top two picks?

It's not their top need, but it might be tough to ignore him, given the big numbers he put up this week.

WR Mohamed Sanu, Rutgers

It wasn't a great NFL combine for the Rutgers wide receiver, who almost surely dropped out of contention for the first round with his plodding 4.67 in the 40.

But Sanu didn't hurt his status as a second day selection and teams have to like his big hands and his junior year tape with the Scarlet Knights.

The Jets, who surely will lose Plaxico Burress this off-season — perhaps by choice — could do well to grab Sanu if he falls into the middle of the second round.

His versatility on special teams and out of the Wildcat doesn't hurt either. He played quarterback coming into college and spent much of his first two seasons playing from Rutgers' Wild



► Mohamed Sanu could be a target for the Jets. To see more standouts from the combine visit metro.us/sports.

Knight package.

Notre Dame's Michael Floyd is another wide receiver that has been highly touted for years and he was showcased well in Brian Kelly's pass-happy offense. His 40 time of 4.46 was good and he showed consistency in drills.

The Giants, who will likely lose Mario Manningham, could use a target like Floyd. The only question mark is an arrest for DUI, which could end up causing him to drop to the end of the first round — and the Giants — on draft day.

RB Vick Ballard, Miss. State

He became a YouTube sensation for his 40 run in the combine, just not the way he was hoping.

The running back out of Mississippi State followed the momentum of a strong Senior Bowl showing by get-

ting off stride, slipping and falling into a camera. The embarrassing moment cements him as a mid-round pick, but there's no denying that the powerfully built running back can play.

The Jets, who will need to replace LaDainian Tomlinson in their rotation, know running back is a need, especially with Ryan

trying to get back to the ground and pound offense.

The Giants could slot Ballard in for Brandon Jacobs, who may be cut if they can't restructure his contract for the second straight year.

Some team will forget this slip-up and remember that the kid was an All-SEC selection.

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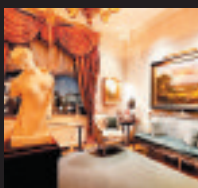
Market watch



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The Queens waterfront: Part II

► We look at the first phase of Hunter's Point South, a new middle-income community and waterfront park in LIC ► That's not the only new development in the area

Once poised to be the Olympic Village for New York's failed bid at the 2012 Olympic games, the southern tip of the Queens waterfront is gearing up for a new big development: Hunter's Point South. This 5,000-unit housing complex and waterfront community boast some of the best views of Manhattan, but the grounds won't be overrun by the bourgeoisie — 100 percent of the 908 units set for Phase 1 are designated as affordable housing.

These units are a part of Mayor Bloomberg's \$7.5 billion New Housing Marketplace plan to build 165,000 affordable units by 2014, making it the largest municipal plan of its kind in the nation.

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Reports show rising prices for new buildings in Queens

New development construction has seen a strong start in 2012. A recent report from StreetEasy.com shows a 43 percent increase in new condo inventory in the area, while median prices increased by 21.1 percent. The report showed the L-Haus, Murano and The View at East Coast as some of the most popular luxury buildings in the area, in terms of searches on StreetEasy.

fects and Ismael Leyva Architects, the first phase will include two residential buildings with retail space. Construction has begun this year, with the completion of storm sewers among the project's January accomplishments. It should take about two years to complete. Simultaneously, five acres of parkland and a 1,100-seat middle school/high school will be rising to completion by fall 2013.

More large-scale development nearby

Late last year, the mayor also broke ground on Willets Point, touting plans for a mixed-use community around the long neglected grounds near the Mets' Citi Field. The 62-acre area, which has lacked basic in-



► Artist renderings show the finished Hunter's Point South. Read part I of our series on the new Queens waterfront at www.metro.us.



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frastructure such as sidewalks and has struggled with contamination for decades, will be home to 680,000 square feet of retail space, a hotel, convention center, open space, and

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"Prints and patterns have been huge trends for the last few years and show no sign of slowing down," says Tricia Guild, the founder and Creative Director of Designers Guild. "They offer a sense of modernity that plain textiles just do not have."

While print wallpaper and upholstery may read like a throwback to a bygone age, today's prints are inspiringly vibrant and make for a room that you'd actually want to spend time.

As Guild puts it, "Prints lend

themselves to a more eclectic look that reflects one's personality and spirit."

A harmonious clash: When using a mix of prints, you need to "pick out a color to link the clash," advises Guild. "In this blue sitting room, we've used more than eight patterns. But the effect is harmonious because the color palette is restricted to a cobalt and white crispness."

Don't go wild: It's important to reel in your creative wild side,



▶ Prints reflect your personality and spirit, says Guild.



especially when it comes to decorating with busy animal prints together, and use a plain neutral such as black along the edges of curtains, cushions, rugs and lampshades," says Guild. On accent walls, she adds, "I think pattern all over the room is more up-to-date — the feature wall feels a bit passe."

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Make it work

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▶ You don't have to live in a sprawling urban palace to make prints work in your place. If you don't want prints to dominate, temper the look by "choosing a wallpaper that is not too strong," says Guild. "Generally, smaller-scale prints are best in tighter rooms or just add accent print pieces like cushions or throws. However, there are no real rules — and sometimes a large-scale pattern can look amazing," she says.

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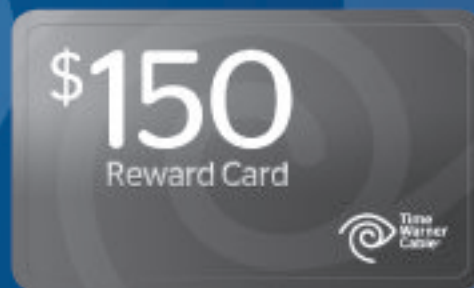
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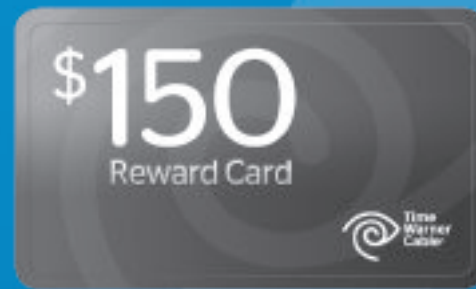
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